

**Washington Department of Ecology
Sinclair Dyes TMDL Implementation Meeting March 15, 2007
10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Kitsap County Public Works Annex (off Highway 3)**

Participants:

Naval Base Kitsap – Jay Lowe
Kitsap County Public Works – Stan Olsen, Mauro Heine
Kitsap Cty Health District – Shawn Ultican, Stuart Whitford
PSNS – Dwight Leisle, Jerry Sherrell, Robert K. Johnston, Bruce Beckwith
Citizen – Helen Miller
City of Bremerton – Kathleen Cahall, Phil Williams, Chance Berthume, Pat Coxon
Ecology – Douglas Palenshus, Sally Lawrence, Sarah Davenport-Smith, Jeff Bash
Suquamish Tribe – Tom Ostrom

Notes and participant questions during mid-morning discussion session

Q1 (Ecology prompt): What projects or approaches have you seen, either in Kitsap area or other locales, that would be useful to this TMDL process?

Kathleen Cahall: Kitsap Stormwater Consortium (currently fairly inactive) did a great job in the past on pet waste, oil drips, and to some extent on charity car washes. Additional work needed on charity car washes.

Q2 (Ecology prompt): What needs (arising out of new Stormwater Phase II Permit or other conditions) does your municipality have that relates to the TMDL?

Kathleen Cahall: The permit requires us to show the effectiveness of our programs. We are not experts at evaluating effectiveness, we need help doing this.

Kathleen Cahall: The NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit requires training of stormwater inspectors, O & M staff. What are the criteria for training? State should guide us on this.

Sarah Davenport-Smith: There is currently training available for stormwater inspectors for construction sites (under “CESCL” <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/cescl.htm>). There will also be a second workshop related to the Phase II Stormwater Permit in Bellevue on June 18th. More information on this training will follow.

Kathleen Cahall: The Bellevue training location is a problem for us because of the time our staff would have to spend in traveling. Isn't there a way to get training located here in Kitsap County? For example, there is a program based in Shelton called “Evergreen

Rural Water Association,” a non-profit organization that does training related to [drinking water?] water resources, and they bring the training to us. Could they be tasked or funded to give training to the municipalities in Kitsap County and other, more-rural areas?

Helen Miller: CTED does great training on Growth Management and other planning issues. Can't Ecology-Water Quality Program provide similar high-quality training?

Stuart Whitford: Reducing fecal coliform in certain places requires better methods to identify the source of the bacteria. We were able to use the *Bacterioides* approach to identify bacteria sources for one of our PIC (Pollution Identification and Correction) projects, and (Ecology-EPA) Manchester Labs was the laboratory performing the analysis. They are not set up to do this analysis routinely. Having Manchester Labs able to do this as a regular service would be a great help to our work.

Chance Berthume: Are there any funds available for public education [as required for municipalities covered by the Phase II NPDES Stormwater permit]?

Sarah Davenport-Smith: The Governor's proposed budget, now being considered by the state legislature, does include some funding of public outreach/education.

Q3 (Ecology prompt): The TMDL Implementation Plan will require that the entities that are responsible under the TMDL conduct ongoing water quality monitoring in Sinclair and Dyes Inlets so that we can track progress. What approaches do you suggest to ensure that the separate entities use a common sampling protocol to ensure that the results will work together to get a consistent view of water quality in the two inlets?

Stuart Whitford: Dave Tucker [Kitsap County Storm and Surface Water Management, or SWM] put together an Advisory Committee [as the County put together its Stormwater Management Program] that included the Conservation District and the Health District and the future Phase II NPDES permittees (municipalities). This was a good forum – perhaps the monitoring plan could be coordinated through this group.

Commenter (unidentified): There needs to be a leader – one person willing to be the point of contact – to make this coordination happen. Is the Shipyard on the list? They were not involved in the SWM Advisory Committee.

Jeff Bash (WRIA 15 Watershed Lead, Ecology): A new group to represent the 2496 process (Salmon restoration and enhancement projects) is just getting started. It is called the East Kitsap Watershed Forum, is being coordinated by Kathleen Peters, Kitsap County. One of its roles is to improve integration of salmon efforts with other related efforts such as Clean Water Act process – TMDL and Stormwater Phase II Permit.